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For: IP ROUTER, COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND BAND SETTING METHOD USED
THEREIN AND ITS PROGRAM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 10-198642, published July 31, 1998, along with English language abstract.
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 9-218842, published August 19, 1997, along with English language abstract.
3. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open Publication No. 10-312365, published November 24, 1998, previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement, filed December 31, 2003.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the reference indicated as previously submitted.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses here with a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated December 4, 2007, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof which cites such documents and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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